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Helena Fish To Have Lead In New Play

A bright, new stage personality has been added to the roster of the Oswego Players to do the female lead in the forthcoming production of "Barefoot in the Park". Helena Spalding Fish, formerly of Fulton, is now a resident of Oswego, but has traveled extensively and has performed with community theatres throughout the country.

Mrs. Fish started her stage experience in variety shows while attending Fulton High School. Later during her four years at Potsdam State Teachers' College she was a board member and Disc Jockey for WNTC Radio Station of the twin Colleges. During her college career she also did the lead in "Thieves Carnival." She married following her graduation and then spent two years teaching in the elementary school system in Liverpool before her husband's military service took her to Hawaii where she directed the main church choir and shows for the Officer's Wives Club. She also toured the islands singing and dancing authentic Hawaiian music. And sang with the late Alfred Apaka, which led to numerous television shows emanating from The Hawaiian Village Hotel.

During four years spent at Fort Bragg, N. C., Mrs. Fish participated in the work of both the Fayetteville Little Theatre and the Fort Bragg Playhouse. While working with these groups she played major and starring roles in "Carnival", "Ahmal and the Night Visitors", "Love Rides the Rails" (A melodrama), "The Fantasticks", "My Fair Lady", "Guys and Dolls", "South Pacific", "Where's Charlie?", "The Crucible", "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof", "Cinderella", "Music Man", and "Damn Yankees".

She was a charter member and soloist with the Army Air Force Chorus and toured performing with the Fayetteville Symphony and Raleigh Symphony Orchestra. During a year spent in Missouri she starred as Winifred in "Once Upon A Mattress" and worked with Hans Conried in "Generation".

The Oswego Players' production of "Barefoot in the Park" is scheduled for production in November and is currently in rehearsal under the direction of Robert Milam. The cast also includes Mark Knight, J. Edward McAvoy, Inez Manor and David Leonard.